



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Joel M. Blatt et al.

Group Art Unit: 1641

Application No.: 10/816,230

Examiner:

Filing Date: March 31, 2004

Confirmation No.: 9148

Title: DRY REAGENT STRIP CONFIGURATION, COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR MULTIPLE ANALYTE DETERMINATION

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$65.00 (2814) ☐ \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed is/are a return receipt postcard

- ☒ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$395.00 (2801) ☐ \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____

on _____,
for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	37	MINUS 20 =	17	x \$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 850.00
Independent Claims	5	MINUS 3 =	2	x \$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 400.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 1,250.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 625.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 625.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
- ☒ Charge \$ 625.00 to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

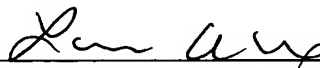
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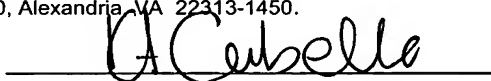


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This Preliminary Amendment is being filed for consideration prior to prosecution on the merits. Applicants hereby request entry and consideration of the amendments and comments presented herein.

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